1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sub-Total			32.04	164.21	63.68	227.89
Total (In Rs. lakhs)			458.10	2491.05	5289.76	7780.81
	(In Rs. Crores)		4.58	24.91	52.90	77.81

Unjustified price increase of drugs and finished medicines

377. *SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:* Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that his ministry have given unjustified price increase during last four months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided a particular percentage of price increase on drugs and finished medicines;

(c) if so, what are the details of such decision;

(d) what are the names of medicines where price increase has been allowed more than such decision;

(e) whether it is a fact that prices of certain Anti-TB medicines have gone up very high; and

(f) if so, what were the prices during 1990, what are the present prices and what is the percentage of price increase in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The extent of price increase in formulations is calculated on the basis of a formula and norms as per DPCO, 1987. In order to keep prices of finished medicines i.e. formulations, in check, during the last four months price increases were restricted to 5 per cent annum, however, increase on account of material costs were permitted to full extent.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) The requisite details are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Bulk Drug	Price in 1990 (Rs.)	1991 (Rs.)	% increase
1	Ethambutol	752/Kg.	811/Kg.	7.85
2	Pyrazinamide	1222/Kg.	1222/Kg.	—
3	Rifampicin	3500/Kg.	3850/Kg.	10.00

Setting up Zirconium and Titanium Metal Complex in Tamil Nadu

378. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Atomic Energy is planning to set up a large Zirconium and Titanium metal complex at Palayakayal village in Tamil Nadu to utilise the zircon sand deposit in this area;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the State Government of Tamil Nadu is participating in this